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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7542

BILL NUMBER: SB 544

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Teacher Professional Development Days.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hume

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a maximum of two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for parent-teacher conferences and two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for staff professional development activities count as student instructional days for purposes of the required 180 day school year. The bill voids provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code that allow partial school days used for parent-teacher conferences to count as partial student instructional days and that do not allow students to be dismissed for full days for parent-teacher conferences and staff professional development activities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Instructional Days* - The State would not incur additional cost under the bill. Indiana's 294 school corporations would continue to be funded at current levels in accordance with current law.

Indiana Administrative Code- The bill requires those provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code allowing partial school days be removed by the Indiana Legislative Services Agency (LSA). These changes would be covered under administrative duties of the staff.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Instructional Days* - School corporations would experience a decrease in transportation costs due to pupils not being required to attend school during parent-teacher conferences or professional development activities. In addition, school corporations would experience a decrease in substitute

teacher costs regarding ½ day parent-teacher conferences and professional development activities. Based on a survey of 61 school corporations conducted by Legislative Services Agency, the expense to hire a substitute teacher was found to range from \$37 to \$85 per day. The average expense for a non-licensed substitute teacher without a college degree was \$57. The average expense for a non-licensed substitute teacher with a college degree was \$59 (\$63 if the substitute teacher had a teacher's license).

The specific effects of this bill would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Instructional Days* - School corporations would continue to receive funding from the State for 180 instructional days even though students would receive 176 instructional days in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Under current law, school corporations are allowed to conduct up to four ½ days of instruction each school year for the purpose of conducting parent-teacher conferences (four 2.5-hour days for grades one through six and four 3-hour days for grades seven through 12).

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education; Legislative Services Agency; Sample of school corporation substitute teacher reimbursement costs.

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